

HOUSE BILL 2779

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 6, Part 10, relative to elementary and  
secondary schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10, is amended by  
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-6-1025.

(a) The course of instruction in all public schools shall include art and music  
education to help each student foster creative thinking, spatial learning, discipline,  
craftsmanship and the intrinsic rewards of hard work.

(b)

(1) The department of education shall provide the appropriate method of  
instruction in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12), in conformity with the  
elementary school curriculum provided for in subsection (c).

(2) Local boards of education may implement additional courses and  
materials in art and music education at their discretion.

(c) Each LEA shall provide the art and music education curriculum set forth in  
the curriculum provided by the department or a comparable program approved by the  
department.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.